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## WAXMAN OPPOSES SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS

Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) has pledged to "fight every step of the way" against Senate proposals to reduce social security cost-of-living increases.

Waxman, a member of the House select committee on aging, denounced Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Senator Russell Long for claiming that current cost-of-living increases are too high and should be cut.

Waxman said,

"I do not think either of these men are at all familiar with the financial plight of the majority of Social Security recipients. Certainly, in my district most older people are faced with very high rents, high health care expenses not covered by Medicare and soaring prices for food and transportation.

"Bentsen and Long either do not know or do not care about the fact that most Social Security recipients live alone or with only one other person. Such small house-holds are denied the money saving advantages of purchasing things in large quantities. Also, inability to get around prevents many old people from money-saving comparison shopping. Rather they must buy the smallest item and save nothing at all."

Waxman is currently sponsoring legislation to provide Social Security recipients with cost-of-living increases twice rather than once a year.

"Senior citizens should be the prime beneficiary not the first victims of the war against inflation," Waxman concluded.

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